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SUBJECT: THAI GOVERNMENT RESIGNS

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PRIME MINISTER SANYA THAMMASAK SUBMITTED A LETTER OF DESIGNATION TO THE KING WHICH BECOMES EFFECTIVE TODAY AT 1:00 PM WASHINGTON TIME. ACCORDING TO THE US EMBASSY IN BANGKOK, IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE KING HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED SANYA'S RESIGNATION OR WILL DO SO. THE KING HAD APPOINTED SANYA PRIME MINISTER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT LAST OCTOBER.

IT LOOKS LIKE SANYA'S OFFER IS AN EXCUSE TO SHAKE UP HIS CABINET. IN RECENT WEEKS THERE HAS BEEN A GROWING NOOD OF IMPATIENCE WITH THE SANYA GOVERNMENT'S INDECISIVENESS IN COPING WITH ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AND WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN CABINET MINISTERS.

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SANYA HAS FREQUENTLY CHARACTERIZED HIS GOVERNMENT AS A CARE-TAKER AND HAS EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO STEP DOWN AS SOON AS A NEW CONSTITUTION IS PROMULGATED AND ELECTIONS HELD. WITH NEITHER IN SIGHT AT THIS JUNCTURE, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE KING WOULD ALLOW SANYA TO RESIGN. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SANYA IS SERIOUS IN HIS INTENT BUT HE WOULD PROBABLY NOT REFUSE A DIRECT REQUEST FROM THE KING THAT HE STAY ON.

THERE ARE NO OBVIOUS CANDIDATES TO REPLACE SANYA IF THE KING DOES ACCEPT SANYA'S OFFER. JUSTICE MINISTER PRAKOP HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR. AS HAS KHEMAY PRAMOT, SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

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